



# Gila County Superior Court

## PUBLIC INTEREST CASES

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### **Supreme Court Public Access**

The Public/media representatives may obtain general information about non-confidential statewide court cases by accessing the Supreme Court's Public Access to Court Information website at the following link:

<http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/caselookup.aspx>

By using this website, the public/media representatives who are interested in finding out what cases have been filed for a specific individual can enter that person's name to find all cases in the system that are associated with that person. A specific case can also be viewed by entering the case number.

Once the case is selected, general information will appear, and includes the pleadings filed, hearings held, and status of the case. For more information about the case than the website displays, you may contact the office of the Clerk of Court.

### **Gila County Court Public Access**

If an agency of the media is interested in following the progress of a particular Gila County case or a public interest case, the media representative may identify that case to the office of the Court Administrator. Information about the case may still be obtained from the Public Access to Court Information website, as the direct link will save the media time when researching the case. This Court's website can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/courts/index.php>

## Superior Court Calendar Access

The Superior Court calendar is also available via the Internet at the following link:

[http://72.24.204.138:8080/gila\\_public/ev\\_srch.action](http://72.24.204.138:8080/gila_public/ev_srch.action)

Media representatives may look for information on a court calendar by selecting a calendar and the dates of interest. Information about the cases, times, and types of hearings set on those dates will be displayed.

The Gila County Superior Court Public Interest List is also available via the Internet at the following link:

<http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/courts/index.php>

**For general questions regarding cases on the Public Interest Case List or any other case, please contact: Coleen Stevens, Public Information Officer, at: [cstevens@courts.az.gov](mailto:cstevens@courts.az.gov), or (928) 402-8674.**

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## NOTE:

### Diversion/Deferred Program

It is the policy of the Gila County Attorney's Office to offer some first time felony offenders an opportunity to avoid having a felony conviction on their permanent criminal history if they successfully participate and complete the Diversion or Deferred Prosecution Program.

For a full explanation of this program, please visit the County Attorney's web page at the following link:

[http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/county\\_attorney/diversion\\_deferred\\_program.php](http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/county_attorney/diversion_deferred_program.php)

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## PENDING CASES

### - CIVIL CASES -

<b>Plaintiff:</b>	<b>DEBORAH NICHOLS</b>	<b>Defendant:</b>	<b>MICHAEL LOWE, PEAK MEDICAL CARE, PLLC</b>
<b>Case #:</b>	<b>CV2013-032</b>		
<b>Attorney for Plaintiff:</b>	Neal H. Bookspan Laura A. Rogal Jaburg & Wilk, P.C.	<b>Attorney for Defendant:</b>	Pro Per
<b>Judge:</b>	Peter Cahill	<b>Superior Court:</b>	Division I
<b>Case Status:</b>	<b>NO HEARING DATE AT THIS TIME</b>		
<b>Case Notes:</b>	Complainant alleges that the Defendant's actions breached his fiduciary and contractual duties and terms. Defendant is also said to have deliberately obstructed Plaintiff is seeking judgment be entered for compensatory damages and costs.		
<b>Complaint:</b>	Ct. 1 Breach of Fiduciary Duty – Dr. Michael Lowe Ct. 2 Intentional Interference With business Expectancy – Dr. Michael Lowe Ct. 3 Breach of Contract Ct. 4 Statutory Accounting Ct. 5 Issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order; Preliminary Injunction; Permanent Injunction		

# CASES SET FOR TRIAL

## - CIVIL CASES -

<b>Plaintiff:</b>	<b>Dorothea HAWK</b>	<b>Defendant:</b>	<b>Select Specialty Hospital &amp; Select Medical Corp.</b>
<b>Case #:</b>	<b>CV2009-346</b>		
<b>Attorney for Plaintiff:</b>	Lloyd & Robinson	<b>Attorney for Defendant:</b>	Stephen Bullington
<b>Judge:</b>	Peter Cahill	<b>Superior Court:</b>	Division I
<b>Case Status:</b>	<b>January 14, 2014</b>	<b>Jury Trial</b>	<b>in GLOBE</b>
<b>Case Notes:</b>	The Defendant is accused of negligence in the care of Ken Hawk, which it is alleged, ultimately caused the death of Mr. Hawk. The Plaintiff is suing for damages.		
<b>Complaint:</b>	Ct. 1 - Wrongful Death		

# CASES SET FOR TRIAL

## - CRIMINAL CASES -

<b>Defendant:</b>	<b>Gasoa BALAS a.k.a. Joshua BALAS</b>	<b>Case #:</b>	<b>CR2012-382</b>
<b>Prosecutor:</b>	Gila County Attorney	<b>Defense:</b>	Michael Bernays
<b>Judge:</b>	Peter J. Cahill	<b>Superior Court:</b>	Division I
<b>Case Status:</b>	<b>December 4, 2013, @ 9:00</b>	<b>Jury Trial</b>	<b>in GLOBE</b>
<b>Case Notes:</b>	Defendant is charged with causing the death of a minor. Other charges include assaulting a law enforcement officer, attempting to flee from a pursuing law enforcement vehicle, while driving without a license, and under the influence of alcohol and drugs.		
<b>Indictment:</b>	Ct. 1 - Second Degree Murder Ct. 2 - Child Abuse / Domestic Violence Ct. 3 - Aggravated Assault on Police Officer Ct. 4 - Unlawful Flight from Pursuing Law Enforcement Ct. 5 - Aggravated DUI Ct. 6 - Aggravated DUI w/License Suspended Ct. 7. - Aggravated DUI – Drugs w/License Suspended		

## CASES SET FOR SENTENCING

<b>Defendant:</b>	<b>Brian Bradley BENDER</b>	<b>Case #:</b>	<b>CR2012-530</b>
<b>Prosecutor:</b>	Gila County Attorney	<b>Defense:</b>	Chad Shell
<b>Judge:</b>	Peter J. Cahill	<b>Superior Court:</b>	Division I
<b>Case Notes:</b>	Defendant is charged with unlawfully controlling property, with a value of \$4,000 to \$25,000. Allegations also include the Defendant falsely claiming to be an organization representative with the intention of defrauding, as well as claiming to be licensed to submit a business proposal/bid.		
<b>Indictment:</b>	Ct. 1 - Theft	Class 3 Felony	
	Ct. 2 - Criminal Impersonation	Class 6 Felony	
	Ct. 3 - Contracting Without a License	Class 1	
	Misdemeanor		
<b>DISPOSITION:</b>	<b>JURY TRIAL – commenced October 22, 2013</b>		
<b>VERDICT:</b>	Ct. 2 - Criminal Impersonation	<b>JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – NOT GUILTY</b>	
	Ct. 2 - Contracting Without a License	<b>JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY</b>	
<b>SENTENCING:</b>	<b>November 25, 2013 @ 11:00am</b>	<b>SENTENCING</b>	<b>in PAYSON</b>

## CASES SET FOR SENTENCING

<b>Defendant:</b>	<b>Matthew Blaine SHANNON</b>	<b>Case #:</b>	<b>CR2012-270</b>
<b>Prosecutor:</b>	Gila County Attorney	<b>Defense:</b>	Michael Freeman
<b>Judge:</b>	Peter J. Cahill	<b>Superior Court:</b>	Division I
<b>Case Status:</b>	<b>December 13, 2013, @ 9:30</b>	<b>Sentencing</b>	<b>in GLOBE</b>
<b>Case Notes:</b>	It is alleged that in December 2011, the Defendant was within a school zone area, in possession of heroin with the intention of selling the drug, while also being in possession of items of drug paraphernalia and a firearm. The Defendant is also charged with taking heroin to a correctional facility.		
<b>Indictment:</b>	Ct. 1 - Possession of a Narcotic Drug for Sale >Threshold in a School Zone Ct. 2 - Promoting Prison Contraband Ct. 3 - Misconduct Involving Weapons committed w/Drug Offense in a School Zone Ct. 4 - Possession of a Narcotic Drug in a School Zone Ct. 5 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in a Drug Free School Zone		

<b>Defendant:</b>	<b>Martin Douglas SLOVER</b>	<b>Case #:</b>	<b>CR2012-309</b>
<b>Prosecutor:</b>	Gila County Attorney	<b>Defense:</b>	Ron DeBrigida
<b>Judge:</b>	Peter J. Cahill	<b>Superior Court:</b>	Division I
<b>Case Status:</b>	<b>December 13, 2013 @ 10am</b>	<b>Sentencing</b>	<b>in GLOBE</b>
<b>Case Notes:</b>	It is alleged that the Defendant, recklessly engaged in conduct attempting to cause the death of Teona Koutz, Defendant's girlfriend. Defendant is also charged with kidnapping and aggravated assault, resulting in the victim sustaining a broken hand.		
<b>Indictment:</b>	Ct. 1 - Attempted Second Degree Murder Ct. 2 - Kidnapping / Domestic Violence Ct. 3 - Aggravated Assault /Domestic Violence Ct. 4 - Aggravated Assault/Domestic Violence Ct. 5 - Aggravated Assault/Domestic Violence		



# RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	Daniel A. DENUZZI	Case #:	CR2011-643
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Anna Ortiz
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant charged with the attempted murder of Robert Morris (Ct. 1) and Colleen O’Malley (Ct. 2). Other charges alleged the Defendant knowingly set fire to a residence, causing damage in excess of \$10,000 to the structure and a vehicle.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Attempted First Degree Murder Ct. 2 - Attempted First Degree Murder Ct. 3 - Arson of an Occupied Structure Ct. 4 - Criminal Damage – more than \$10,000 Ct. 5 - Aggravated Assault – Deadly Weapon Ct. 6 - Aggravated Assault – Deadly Weapon Ct. 7 - Threatening & Intimidating	Class 2 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 4 Felony Class 3 Felony Class 3 Felony Class 1 Misdemeanor	
DISPOSITION:	SUBMITTED FOR DECISION BY THE COURT. VERDICTS RETURNED.	SEPTEMBER 6, 2013 OCTOBER 21, 2013	
VERDICT:	Ct. 1 - Attempted First Degree Murder Ct. 2 - Attempted First Degree Murder Ct. 3 - Arson of an Occupied Structure Ct. 4 - Criminal Damage – more than \$10,000 Ct. 5 - Aggravated Assault – Deadly Weapon Ct. 6 - Aggravated Assault – Deadly Weapon Ct. 7 - Threatening & Intimidating	COURT FOUND DEFENDANT - GUILTY COURT FOUND DEFENDANT – NOT GUILTY COURT FOUND DEFENDANT - GUILTY COURT FOUND DEFENDANT – NOT GUILTY COURT FOUND DEFENDANT - GUILTY COURT FOUND DEFENDANT - GUILTY COURT FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY	
SENTENCING:	November 1, 2013 @ 9:30 am	SENTENCING	in GLOBE
CONVICTION:	CT 1: - ATTEMPTED 1ST DEGREE MURDER <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sentenced to the Department of Corrections for the presumptive term of 5 years</li></ul> CT 3: - ARSON OF OCCUPIED STRUCTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sentenced to the Department of Corrections, for the Aggravated Term of 6 years</li></ul> CT5:- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT-DEADLY WEAPON (DANGEROUS NATURE OFFENSE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sentenced to the Department of Corrections for the Aggravated Term of 8 years</li></ul> CT 6:- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT-DEADLY WEAPON (DANGEROUS NATURE OFFENSE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sentenced to the Department of Corrections for the Presumptive Term of 7.5 years</li></ul> CT 7:- THREATENING/INTIMIDATING <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sentenced to the Gila County Jail for 6 Months</li><li>Credit for 714 days time served</li><li>Prison terms to run concurrent</li></ul>		

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<b>Defendant:</b>	<b>Iroquois Daniel SULLIVAN</b>	<b>Case #:</b>	<b>CR2012-456</b>
<b>Prosecutor:</b>	Gila County Attorney	<b>Defense:</b>	Anna Ortiz
<b>Judge:</b>	Peter J. Cahill	<b>Superior Court:</b>	Division I
<b>Case Notes:</b>	Defendant is charged with possessing drug paraphernalia with the intent to consume.		
<b>Indictment:</b>	Ct. 1 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	Class 6 Felony	
	Ct. 2 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	Class 6 Felony	
<b>DISPOSITION:</b>	<b>JURY TRIAL – commenced October 8, 2013</b>		
<b>VERDICT:</b>	Ct. 1 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	<b>JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY</b>	
	Ct. 2 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	<b>JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – NOT GUILTY</b>	
<b>SENTENCING:</b>	<b>November 1, 2013 @ 1:30pm</b>	<b>SENTENCING</b>	<b>in GLOBE</b>
<b>CONVICTION:</b>	<b>CT. 1 - POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Sentenced to the Department of Corrections, for four (4) years and three (3) months</b></li><li><b>All Fines, Fees and Surcharges</b></li></ul>		